

Hello Parents,

This month in the Zone we are learning all about how “Jesus Won For Me” in our Z Games Series. We love helping you bring Biblical truth home to your kids! For this week’s group time, our small group leaders are becoming coaches. They are donning their whistles and taking out their clipboards to facilitate challenges for the Zone kids to complete. The goal of these challenges is to help teach Bible navigation skills; physical movements will be coupled with Bible navigation basics for a memorable experience. For example, kids will march in alternating big and little steps to teach that big numbers designate Book Chapters and small numbers designate the Verses. If you would like to coach your kids in this interactive training, please follow the following challenge cards that our Campuses use in order from A to D. Feel free to add your own accessories, the use of a whistle, clipboard and medal is encouraged.

A

GREET YOUR GROUP

HELLO! JUMP RIGHT INTO PHYSICAL
CHALLENGE

We are going to start today's group with an
endurance competition. I need everyone to
stand up!

For the next two minutes, you are going to
count how many jumping jacks you can do,
and we will give the winner a prize.

Do you know how to do a jumping jack?
(Demonstrate if someone says no)
Great!

Get Ready

Get Set

Go!

(Time for 2 minutes)

Great Job! Let's go around and say our names
and how many jumping jacks we were able to
do!

(Go around and keep a mental note of who
did the LEAST amount of jumping jacks. **Give
a pin to the person who did the LEAST
amount of jumping jacks.**)

And the winner is.... ____!

(There may be some upheaval but keep
moving without addressing it, YET)

Great job completing the challenge
everybody!

B

LIVING WATER BREAK

MEMORIZATION CHALLENGE

(Hand out Water Bottles)

Does anybody know what our Bible Table
Verse is?

(Let someone answer, do not give them a pin.)

Can anyone say it without looking at your
lanyard or your water bottle?

(Give the group a chance to say the
memorized Bible Verse, multiple kids can try,
but do not reward with pins.)

Great Job!

(Call on someone who hasn't answered yet)
{Insert Name}, can you read the Bible Table
verse from your Lanyard or the Water Bottle?

(**Give them a pin** after they read, or if they
are too shy to read, give them one anyway)

Nice Job* (*or "try", if they refused)!

C

BIBLE RACE

NAVIGATION CHALLENGE

Who can find Luke 15:32 the fastest?

(Let them race to find Luke 15:32)

While they are racing, you can give hints like:

- *It is in the New Testament*
- *The Book of Luke is after the Book of Mark*
- *The Book of Luke is before the Book of John*
- *If you flipped to the Book of Romans, you've gone too far*
- *Look for the Big 15 for Luke Chapter 15*
- *After the Big 15, find the little 32 for the verse*

Let whoever finds Luke 15:31-32 the fastest,
read it out loud.

**(Give a pin to anyone who did not
participate in the race.)**

"31 And the father said to him, Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But it was fitting to make merry, to revel and feast and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and is alive again! He was lost and is found!"

Now, let's all stand up and stretch our arms as
high as we can to get ready for some
questions!

GREAT JOB!

D

QUESTIONS

THE FATHER REJOICED...

1. Why do we rejoice or celebrate after we win?
2. Raise your hand if you feel like you are a winner? Why do you feel that way?
3. Raise your hand if you do not have a pin. Do you still feel like a winner? Why or Why not? (Give them a pin after they answer...Make sure **Everybody** has a pin at this point)

Our heavenly Father has a different way of measuring winners. (Address the Jumping Jack Competition for an example. Say You chose the winner not based on who did the highest number, but on what this paper told you to choose. No matter how many jumping jacks they would have done, you would have picked who the paper said to pick.) Even if you knew how to win, you wouldn't have been able to win in your own strength.

4. Why did the Father rejoice?
The brother went from being lost to being found.
5. How do we go from being lost to being found?
We accept Jesus's victory. When we do that, God sees Jesus' victory when he looks at us. God sees our names on his paper as his winners. It is not because of our own actions, but because of what Jesus did FOR us.
6. Why should we rejoice for others?
Jesus is the ULTIMATE WINNER, not just for himself, but for all of us. Jesus Won FOR Us ALL so we can always rejoice, not just for ourselves, but especially for others!
Wrap up by praying